

Kindergarten Summer Reading Booklist

Required Readings: Choose at least one.

Most children will not be able to read these books independently. Please feel free to read these selections to your child.

Do You Want to be my Friend by Eric Carle
A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.

Will I Have a Friend? by Mirriam Cohen
A boy's anxieties on his first day of school are happily forgotten when he makes a new friend.

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle
A hermit crab who has outgrown his old shell moves into a new one, which he decorates and enhances with the various sea creatures he meets in his travels.

Student Choice: Choose at least two.

Fiction

School Bus by Donald Crews
Follows the progress of school buses as they take children to school and bring them home again.

What Game Shall We Play? by Pat Hutchins
The animals ask each other what game they should play, but only Owl has an answer.

Round is a Mooncake by Roseanne Thong
As a little girl discovers things round, square, and rectangular in her urban neighborhood, she is reminded of her Chinese American culture.

Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Ten mice outsmart a hungry snake.

Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells
Max makes an earthworm cake for Grandma's birthday and helps Ruby with her angel surprise cake. At the store, the grocer can't read all of the shopping list, until Max solves the problem by drawing a picture.

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet Ahlberg
Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play I spy with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson
Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there.

Corduroy by Don Freeman
A teddy bear spends his days waiting in a store for someone to buy him.

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

Kindergarten ABC by Jacqueline Rogers
Presents the special activities of a kindergarten class on the day devoted to each letter of the alphabet, from finding acorns outside on A day, to zero more letters and a trip to the zoo on Z day.

Mama Don't Go: Yoko and Friends School Days by Rosemary Wells
Yoko won't let Mama leave the classroom until her classmate gives her courage.

Nonfiction

26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban

Color photographs of letters, numbers, coins, and common objects introduce the alphabet, coinage, and the counting system.

The Pledge of Allegiance by Francis Bellamy (Scholastic)

Includes the text of the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as an explanation of its meaning plus facts about the U.S. flag.

Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert

Simple text and bright pictures show how butterflies use flowers and identify several types of butterflies.

My Very First Mother Goose by Iona Archibald Opie

Presents more than sixty traditional nursery rhymes, accompanied by illustrations of various animals.

Animals, Animals by Eric Carle

This illustrated collection of poems is written by many authors and describes the peculiarities of wild and domestic animals.

Recommended Authors:

Eric Carle, Leo Lionni, Virginia Lee Burton, Mother Goose, Margaret Wise Brown, Dr. Seuss, Robert McCloskey, Beatrix Potter, H.A. Rey, Vera Williams, Mem Fox, Alike, Jack Prelutsky, David McPhail, Charlotte Zolotow, Grace Lin, Tomie DePaola, Rosemary Wells, Jan Brett